

LAC: Workgroup #3 February Work Session
04.24.18, 10:00 to 11:00
United Way of the Lewis and Clark Area

Group 3 – Identify gaps in community mental health services and make recommendations for additional services, as needed.

Group 3 Workgroup members

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Members in attendance: Michele, Abbie, Margaret, and Ray

Agenda Discussion:

Have all LAC members complete 211 form and share with all providers. Return to UWLCA (trina@unitedwaylca.org) to update 211 website and hotline. Complete by June 30, 2018. Haven't received any back. Michele said the form was pretty long. Unfortunately, we can't shorten it.

Updates:

- Family First Prevention Act-Legislative Funding Alison

The three funded areas for states-One page informational page6

- Mental Health Services
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- In Home parent skill based programs

The initial use of funds would be used for foster care prevention programs.

Need background with state. Children's mental health bureau Dan Carlson-Thompson may be good to reach out to. How does this affect us. This is federal funding being passed to the states in the amount of 8 billion dollars a year in funding and some program will last up until 2027.

Will revisit next month.

Gallatin County

Action: Research and bring to next meeting information on Thrive, Parent Liaison, SAO's in schools research assigned – Matt, tabled

- Missoula information

Action: Missoula report on what is working and not working assigned- Melinda

Melinda said that funding shortages have caused these programs to not move steadily forward.

State Hospital- Michele has done a ton of work and she is seeing progress. Adult Foster Care program and Group Homes. Clients from state hospital will come to their programs. Used to get packets of releases and she would look through and see who she should accept. She said it was an impossible task. Michele goes to Warm Springs once a month and meet with clients with a team of providers. A full day of meeting and evaluating the client. Wanted to meet the client before the packet. The packet was full of negativity. If the person she met with was someone that they felt they could treat they would review the packet. Useless if she didn't have openings.

What C4MH noticed was clients were being dropped off into homelessness. They didn't have enough medication and how could she do proper care if she didn't know the client was coming. If they hospital get 5 no answers from community they can drop off into homelessness. They don't have enough funding for medication. Pharmacy is really good about giving meds and then do retro active pay.

They have an extremely difficult job we need to be consistent in communication. They send a one page sheet on a client. Can the hospital and HIPAA has a continuity of care act so they can communicate who is coming to our community. They are giving C4MH a heads up. WIN!!!!

ACTION: Michele is going to begin work with God's Love. Has invited them over. Housing First of getting the homeless population.

Mental health case management. Michele is part of a community reintegration committee , small committee to get back into community.

HCorp- Mo Septa they work with men coming out of the system. Headwaters Covenant Seth Domback will give furniture to those housed on the housing list.

Fact Finding – Does Helena send more to Warm Springs than other communities. It is extremely difficult to get a commitment from our county attorney. Michele will get those numbers and report.

Michele is meeting with behavioral health and not going to our place has a Saturday program where clients can have lunch and social activity 10-4.

Goals GAP – connections and working together and stop silos.

Action: Centralized intake for all mentally ill in Portland: Action get Margaret for future meeting

Action: Telecare Corp. Abbie will provide additional information at next meeting. Step down care.

Action: Dan Ladd article, Board Alison